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SUBJECT:REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN BRINGING PHILIPPINE
WITNESSES TO THE U.S.

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES INKSTER, MICHIGAN HAVE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING WHETHER TWO PHILIPPINE CITIZENS COULD COME TO U.S. TO TESTIFY IN COURT PROCEEDINGS. THEY ANTICIPATE BRINGING GEORGE COSTIEL TO TRIAL IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH ON CHARGES OF KILLING CHRISTINA COSTIEL, HIS WIFE, AND ALBERTO COSTIEL, THEIR SON.
2. THE PHILIPPINE WITNESSES WHOSE PRESENCE IS DESIRED ARE GAVINO CAYETANO, 804 GONZALES STREET, SANTA CRUZ, CAVITE CITY, CAVITE 2705, THE MOTHER OF THE DECEASED MRS. COSTIEL, AND ROSALINDA C. SANTERA, THE SISTER OF CHRISTINA COSTIEL. BOTH REPORTEDLY LIVE AT GONZALES STREET ADDRESS AND ROSALINDA SANTERA REPORTEDLY WORKS AT A U.S. NAVY INSTALLATION IN MANILA.
3. INKSTER AUTHORITIES WOULD BE PREPARED TO PAY THE TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF THESE WITNESSES, PLUS NECESSARY EXPENSES. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT SUBPOENAS ARE NOT FEASIBLE BUT HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH WITNESSES AND BELIEVE THEY WILL VOLUNTARILY COOPERATE.
4. FYI INKSTER AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT LETTERS WRITTEN BY

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THE ACCUSED TO THE WITNESSES WILL BE OF SIGNIFICANCE IN THE

TRIAL. DEPOSITIONS ARE NOT A FEASIBLE SUBSTITUTE FOR
PERSONAL APPEARANCES, SINCE IN A MURDER CASE THE ACCUSED
USUALLY HAS THE RIGHT OF CONFRONTATION. END FYI.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY INFORMALLY APPROACH MRS. CAYETANO AND
MRS. SANTERA TO ASSIST THEM IN ANY PROSPECTIVE PROBLEMS,
E.G. VISA AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.

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